

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 5-10 and 20-25, which were indicated to be allowable, are pending in this application. Claims 1-4, 11-19, and 26-28 are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer or subject matter. Indeed, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications presenting these claims.

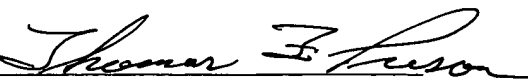
The abstract has been amended to delete the term "inv

CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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